



Birch Lake

State Recreation Site

This cabin was funded by the Sports Fish Restoration Fund and constructed by volunteers and State Park staff for your use and enjoyment. Please help keep it neat and attractive for those who will use it after your visit.

This cabin is available for rent only between September 30-May 1

Important Information

- Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return. Take a cell phone.
- During winter months, tire chains or 4 wheel-drive vehicles are recommended. The road might not be plowed until several days after a snow storm.
- Cabins may only be used by those who have paid the rental fee in advance, and only on the days specified on the receipt. You must have your receipt-permit with you during your stay.
- Cabins may not be used for commercial activities.
- Refer to the attached information: "Reservation Cancellation and Use Policies."
- There are 5 ice fishing huts on the lake, available for rent during the winter. Contact Alaska State Parks for information.

BE PREPARED!

Refer to the cabin location map on the back of this page.

What to take to the Cabin:

- The cabin measures 16' X 20'. There is a half-loft for sleeping upstairs, and one double plywood platform downstairs. The cabin can sleep at least 6 adults.
- The cabin is supplied with a wood stove, table, seats, broom, ax, saw, and ash scoop. All other camping equipment and supplies must be provided by the user, including:
 - Sleeping bag and pad or air mattress
 - Food
 - Cookware, dishes, utensils
 - Cooking stove and fuel
 - Matches, lighters, paper fire starter
 - First aid items
 - Plastic trash bags
 - Jug of water
 - Saw or ax, just in case
 - Firewood
 - Flashlight
 - Lantern and fuel

LANTERNS ARE NO LONGER PROVIDED



Your purchase of fishing equipment and motor boat fuel supports boating access and Sport Fish Restoration.

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Public Use Cabin

A few necessary do's and don'ts:

- Do not leave food or garbage in the cabin at the end of your visit. It might seem helpful to share food with future cabin users, but food (even in airtight containers) attracts bears and small animals. It doesn't take them long to seriously damage a cabin. Please pack out everything you packed in.
- Do not leave cookware, sleeping pads, or other items in the cabin at the end of your visit.
- Please leave some cut dry wood for the next visitor. A bow saw and ax are provided for your use. Only DOWN trees may be cut. Firewood may not be removed from the premises or the recreation site.
- Keep the fire in the stove under control. Do not leave the dampers open when you are not in the cabin, as a fire could start and destroy the cabin. Close all dampers completely at the end of your visit. Stove instructions are posted on the wall.
- Please dispose of all waste water in the toilet. Water dumped outside the cabin is unsightly, unsanitary, and attracts unwanted wildlife. **Do not place garbage in the toilet, please pack it out.**
- Target practice is prohibited. The recreation area is closed to the discharge of weapons. See regulations for details.
- Stay alert and cautious of any trapping activity in the area. Traps and bait may be located near trails. Children and pets should be monitored closely.
- Please tie dog teams and horses at least 100' from the cabin. Do not tether animals to live trees. Use a cable or other anchor system which does not allow the animals to scar living vegetation.
- Feel free to write your comments in the cabin's logbook. Please report any missing or damaged furnishings or other problems to the State Parks office in Fairbanks immediately.

Check out time is 12:00 noon.

Be sure to take this flyer along for reference.

The Lock Combination is:

Dial the combination on the bottom of the lock, push the lock together, and then pull it apart. The numbers must all be lined up.

PLEASE LOCK THE DOOR WHEN YOU LEAVE

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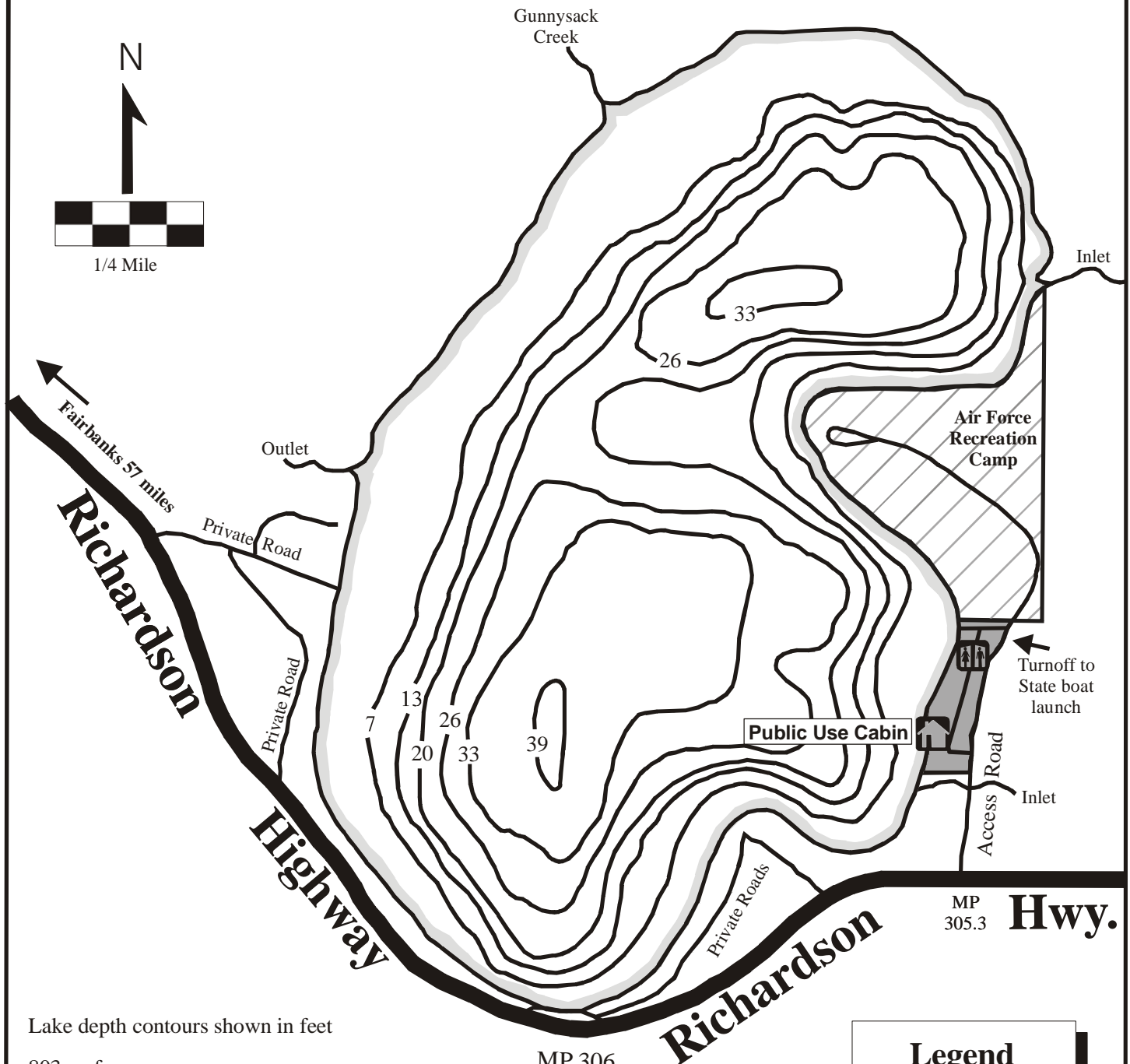
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The turnoff to Birch Lake is located at Mile 305.3 Richardson Highway, approximately 59 miles southeast of Fairbanks. Follow the access road 0.3 miles to Birch Lake State Recreation Site (SRS). The cabin is on the left side of the parking lot as you drive into the recreation area. No parking permit is required.



Lake depth contours shown in feet

803 surface acres

Maximum depth: 43 feet

Greatest distance across lake: 1.6 miles

Water depth fluctuates with annual precipitation

(Contour information courtesy of AK Dept. of Fish & Game)

Legend



Toilet



Public Use Cabin

Public Use Cabin & Ice Fishing Hut Reservation Cancellation & Use Policy

General Information

- Checkout time for cabins is noon. Reservations are valid from noon to noon.
- Checkout time for ice huts is midnight. Reservations are valid from midnight to midnight.
- Cabin and ice hut reservations are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations may be made no more than seven months in advance for Alaska residents and six months in advance for non-residents.
- The State must receive full payment before a facility will be reserved
- A person cannot use a cabin for more than 5 consecutive nights or one weekend (Fri-Sat) per month. This allows more users to be more fairly accommodated. Exceptions may be granted during low use periods.
- Normal back-country hazards exist and at least one person in your party should be experienced in back-country travel.
- Firewood is hard to find at some facilities, so bring your own or gather dead and down or burnt trees on your way in. Please leave standing dead trees for wildlife habitat.
- If others are using the facility when you arrive, politely inform them that you have a reservation to use the cabin/ice hut. If they refuse to leave, do not start an altercation. Instead, observe as much information about the individuals as you can (e.g., description, age, clothing, etc.) and note the license number of any vehicle parked nearby or at the trailhead. Report the problem as soon as possible to a Park Ranger (451-2695).

Reservations

Reservations can be made online at <http://alaskastateparks.org/> or in person at a DNR Public Information Center or State Park office. Reservation requests are also accepted at the aforementioned offices via fax or mail. **Reservations cannot be made by phone.**

Changes or Cancellations

1. **Reservation fees are not refundable.**
2. Reservation changes or cancellations must be made at least 48 hours prior to the start of the reservation in order to receive a credit. The original reservation or reservation number must be provided in order to change or cancel a reservation. If you fail to cancel in a timely manner or fail to use the facility for reasons other than those described below, credit is not available.
3. If you were unable to use the facility due to events beyond your control, such as extreme weather (as defined below), hazardous conditions (as determined by the Division of Parks), or a closure of a road, trail, or facility by the State, you may request a credit. Requests for credit in these cases must be made within 3 business days of the last day of your reservation. Credits are valid for one year from the date of issuance.
 - a. Extreme weather in the Northern Regions is defined below
 - i. Minus 30°F for the “North Fork”, “Darryl Hunt Memorial” and “Chena River” Cabins.
 - ii. Minus 20°F for all other cabins and ice huts.
 - iii. Official temperature is taken from Monument Creek (upper Chena River drainage) at 7:00 am. Temperature information may be accessed at <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/nwcc/sntl-datarpt.jsp?site=949&days=7&state=AK>.

Access

Access to most of the back-country cabins can be difficult or challenging in summer due to marshy trail conditions and open water crossings. Although the State endeavors to plow the roads and groom trails to the cabins in winter, sudden heavy snows, icy conditions, or overflow may hinder access or make your exit difficult. **Be prepared.** Take extra food and survival gear just in case. During the two or three weeks of freeze up or break-up, trail or road conditions may make access difficult or impossible. Alaska State Parks may close or restrict access to prevent facility or resource damage during these periods. Check with the Alaska State Parks office for current trail conditions.

Disclaimer & Responsibilities

These cabins and ice fishing huts are isolated and rustic with limited facilities. Back-country travel and movement on frozen waters in Alaska can be hazardous. The State’s renting of a cabin or ice fishing hut in no way certifies the safety of the trails or the ice on the rivers, sloughs, or lakes. It is the renter’s responsibility to determine that weather and ice conditions are safe before venturing to the cabin or hut. The renter agrees to leave the cabin or hut by the time indicated, and to leave the cabin in a clean and orderly condition and may be held responsible for any damage to the cabin, associated facilities, or park resources.

More Information

For more information including cabin availability, costs, or a Cabin Permit Application, please visit <http://alaskastateparks.org/>. For all other questions, please call a DNR Public Information Center between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm Mon-Fri.

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